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1. It is very difficult to determine the exact number of Soviet instructors presently in Albania, as several hundred Soviet officials and technicians returned to the USSR in July 1950.* It is not known whether they were replaced by new instructors, nor the reason for which they were withdrawn.
2. Rumors have been widespread of late regarding the arrival in Albania of large Soviet paratroop units.** The 4 and 11 Soviet Paratroop Regiments have allegedly already been transferred to Albania***, in addition to a certain number of smaller Soviet paratroop units which arrived in Albania from Hungary.

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Comment: however, which the arrival in Durres (on or about 20 September 1978) of 250 Soviet technicians, presumably to replace those who have departed from Albania.

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Comment: the arrival of Soviet paratroop forces in Albania

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Comment: Other information has that a 16 Soviet Paratroop Regiment was recently in Hungary, allegedly en route to Albania.

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Comment: the 4 and 11 Soviet Paratroop Regiment is still allegedly in Hungary.

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